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Fleetwood's First Annual Mini Thon Goal \$5,000

Health/ Medicine

Mini-Thon is an event that raises money for pediatric cancer. All of the proceeds go to children with cancer.

A lot of places have their own version of Thon, Penn State being the largest. Penn State recently raised \$13.34 million in their 46-hour long Thon. They had 700 students come out to support and raise money for the kids. Since 1997, students at Penn State have raised over \$100 million in donations to fight pediatric cancer.

Fleetwood Area High School held its first ever Mini-Thon this year. It was on 15 May from 2:30-9:00 p.m. Its goal was to reach \$5,000 at this year's Thon, including all the donations and fundraisers being held by the school.

"I think it's awesome that Fleetwood is getting involved with Thon. I also think everyone should come because it's for

a great cause," senior Sarah Herrera said.

At the Mini-Thon, the events that took place include a dodge ball tournament, a volleyball tournament, a knockout challenge, open dancing, and much more. You can check out all the events and fundraisers on Fleetwood's Mini Thon twitter: @TigersMiniThon.

The whole point of Thon is that no one can sit down. Participants usually run all night and some even longer. Since this is Fleetwood's first year of Mini-Thon, the team thought it would be a good idea to start small and build on it.

"This will be a great event, and I think more people should get involved and come to Thon," senior Cyre Virgo said.

By Austin Young

NFL Deflated Ball Scandal Pops

Sports

In last year's AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts, the New England Patriots went on to win 45-7. After the game, there were many concerns from Colts players that the footballs were not fully inflated throughout the match-up.

The game took place in New England, which means that it was the Patriots home field and that they use their balls. ESPN reported about 24 hours after the game that the NFL had found 11 of the 12 footballs were measured about two pounds per square inch below the league minimum of 12.5 pounds.

Many people believe to this day that the outcome could have been different if the footballs were properly inflated.

"The Colts definitely got cheated in that game, and I thought that they should have won," junior Hunter Zagorski said.

A lot of people were dumbfounded that the refs did not notice that the footballs were not pumped properly because they are holding them so often. News recently broke that New England quarterback

Tom Brady is now suspended four games, and the Patriots organization was fined \$1 million.

They will also lose their first round pick of the 2016 draft and their fourth round pick in 2017.

"I think it would be very hard to tell if the balls were deflated a little," senior Tyler Emge said.

Tom Brady has reported that he will appeal his four-game ban. Brady says his punishment was not very fair and was instead rather "harsh." If Brady were to miss the start of the season, it would be his first time missing the season opener in 10 years.

"Brady in my opinion is the best quarterback to play the game," senior Mike Osenbach said.

The Patriots went on to win the Super Bowl, Tom Brady's fourth. Brady has until midnight on Thursday to complete his appeal.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Festivities Flourish as School Comes to a Close

School

The end of the school year is coming up fast! There are a lot of things that will be going on within the next month so that the 2014-2015 school year can come to an exciting and official end.

"I'm so excited to graduate. It came too fast, but it's exciting to actually be able to start my life. I'm so excited for my graduation party too," senior Dana Snyder said.

1. 8 May 2015: Fleetwood's Junior and Senior Prom hosted by the Class of 2016 at Shady Maple. The theme is "Arabian Night."

2. 13 May 2015: Fleetwood High School's very first, Mr. Fleetwood Pageant. It's going to be full of fun competition, lots of talent, and one senior boy will be named Mr. Fleetwood of 2015.

3. 15 May 2015: Fleetwood's very first Mini-THON to support pediatric cancer. Come out from 2:30-9:00 p.m. for games, music, dancing, sports tournaments, and lots of food, all to support the Four Diamonds Fund!

4. 28 May-2 June 2015: Senior final exams for periods 5A, 5B, 6, 7, and 8.

5. 3 June-8 June 2015: On 3 June, finals week begins for grades 9-12. Wednesday (3 June) is periods 1 and 3, from 7:25-10:40. Thursday (4 June) is periods 2 and 4, also from 7:25-10:40. Friday (5 June) is locker clean-out day, and exams for periods 8 and 5A/B. This school day begins at 7:25 and ends at 11:05. Finally, Monday (8 June) is periods 7 and 6 from 7:25-10:40. During testing times, buses will only provide transportation to school, be sure to have your own ride home.

6. 4 June 2015: This is the last day for students to attend the Berks Career and Technology Center.

7. 5 June 2015 & 8 June 2015: Senior graduation practice

8. 5 June 2015: Juniors' senior bios and baby pictures due to Mrs. Sanocki!

9. 9 June 2015: Last day of school! Senior Graduation!

"I'm looking forward to the end of the school year. I'm excited to spend my summer biking and spending time with my friends," sophomore Logan Carbaugh said.

Even with it being the end of the school year, there are still lots of events coming up! Congratulations to the Class of 2015, and good luck in future!

By Olivia Fenstermacher

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Fleetwood Students Vote on Favorite Summer Outfits

Fashion

Put your winter clothing away and start unpacking the shorts and t-shirts! With the warm weather finally arriving after a brutal winter season, people are starting to enjoy the sunshine on their skin.

"I can't wait until school's out and I can wear my cute summer dresses and just sit outside all day and enjoy the warm sun and get a nice tan," senior Athena Breneman said.

A survey went out to students on about their favorite summer outfits. The results were not that surprising. The choices were summer dress, shorts and a tank, sport shorts and a t-shirt, and also a bathing suit. A summer dress earned 79 votes, shorts and a tank received 102 votes, sport shorts and a t-shirt earned 50 votes, and the bathing suit acquired 25 votes.

"I voted for the summer dress. I love wearing dresses during the summer because they are just so flowing and light and just perfect for the hot summer days,"

senior Dana Snyder said.

Shorts and a tank were voted as the favorite summer outfit with 102 votes.

"I voted for shorts and a tank. I love wearing a nice pair of shorts with a tank during the summer. I get a nice tan, and I stay cool," junior Jake Wapinsky said.

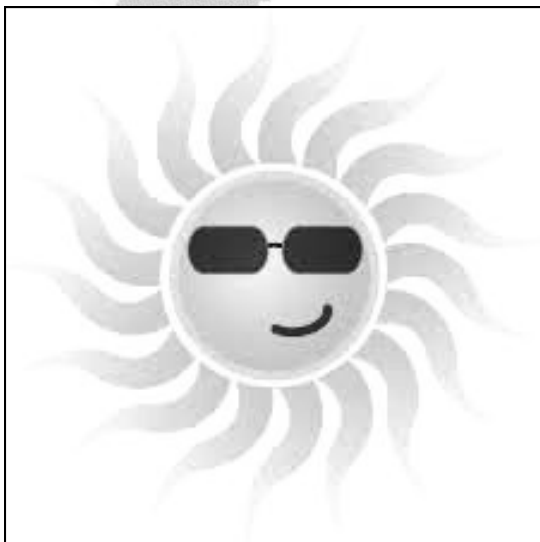
A summer dress was voted second most popular outfit for the summer.

"I like to wear dresses during the summer, especially at the beach. Sun dresses are my

favorite. I can't wait to go dress shopping soon since the warm weather is finally here!" senior Kae Huang said.

"I can't wait to go swimming. I basically live in my swim trunks during the summer. I also like to wear shorts and a tank so my big arms get some sun," junior Jake Feick said.

By Kayla Daniels



Memorial Day Revisited

Holiday

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May. It honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. It originated in the years following of the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and walking in parades. It unofficially marks the beginning of summer.

The Civil War took more lives than any other conflict in U.S. history, requiring the founding of the country's first national cemeteries. By the time the late 1860s hit, Americans in different towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these many fallen soldiers, and they decorated their graves with flowers and said prayers.

Each year on Memorial Day, a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time. It is unsure where exactly this tradition came from. A lot of different communities may have independently started the memorial gatherings.

In 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official

birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo had first celebrated the day on 5 May 1866. It was chosen because it hosted an annual community event. That day, businesses closed, and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day slowly came to be known, first honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. During World War I, the United States found itself in yet another major conflict, and the holiday then evolved to honor American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day still was to be observed on May 30. In 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. It established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three day weekend for federal employees.

The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year. They often incorporate military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C.

By Alyssa Brandt



Seven Dead, Hundreds Injured after Derailment in Philly

Transportation

On Tuesday, 12 May 2015, a train on its way to New York was derailed in Philadelphia. The train was en route from Washington with 238 passengers and five crew members.

More than two hundred people were injured in the wreck, and the death toll recently grew to seven people. The train left everyone in a dark mess a bit after nine o'clock p.m.

"It's a devastating scene. There are many first responders out there. They are working. They are examining the equipment, seeing if there are any more people in the

rail cars," Robert Sumwalt of the National Transportation Safety Board said.

The speed limit just before the turn, where the train was derailed, is 70 mph. The speed limit in the turn is 50 mph.

Jillian Jorgensen, 27, who was seated in the second passenger car, explained that the train was moving "fast enough for me to be worried." She said that this was right before the train was moving to the right, and then the train flew off the tracks. Jorgensen then went on to say that she "flew across the train".

Hospitals were treating more than

200 people and over 10 of those people were rushed to the hospital in critical condition.

"It was terrifying and awful, and as

it was happening it just did not feel like the kind of thing you could walk away from, so I feel very lucky," Jorgensen said.



This accident was not too far from the place where a 1943 train accident occurred, killing seventy-nine people. The 1943 accident was much more devastating; as of now, there have only been seven confirmed deaths in the recent derailment.

"I feel sorry for everyone involved, and I'm praying for them," junior Hunter Zagorski said.

People have been hunting the wreck for a bit of time now, looking for more bodies, alive or dead.

By Tyler Rapposelli

Six-Year-Old Meat Served in Tennessee School

Health/Medicine

Hawkins County students were served roast pork that was six-years-old. A few local officials and the Board of Education set a committee meeting to discuss the issue. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says that frozen food remains safe indefinitely, although the USDA does have a quality chart. This chart recommends no more than twelve months for roasts and uncooked meat. There have been no complaints of sickness resulting from the pork roast served on Wednesday, 22 April, in a Hawkins County cafeteria, but the quality of the meat has been called into question by the county commissioners.

"Six-year-old meats! How does something like that even happen? The fact that they would store it that long is ridiculous, but it is downright sickening that they would still serve it to their students, knowing it had the potential to make them ill," junior Connor Underkoffler said.

Hawkins County commissioner Michael Herrell told the Times-News that he had received a call from a school cafeteria worker last week reporting a school served frozen pork roast dating all the way back to 2010.

"Some schools had 2009, some had 2010, some had 2011. The smell was so bad, it was just unbearable," Herrell said.

The school tried to hide this foul odor by pouring gravy on top of the meat. The roast was set out on a Friday left out all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to thaw. Staffers cooked the meat on Monday and then put it back into the refrigerator. On Wednesday, 22 April, staffers got the meat back out again and warmed it

up so that the smell was not noticeable.

"It sounds like something a lot of schools probably do but don't get caught for," senior Emily Majewski said.

There is now a plan to discard all outdated frozen food items. Schools will incorporate the date received onto all inventory sheets along with the package date of each item. A "first in and first out" procedure will be used for all food items.

There are a total of 18 schools in Hawkins County and more than 7,000 students attending there. The Board of Education Chair said that they are not sure exactly how many students ate the outdated pork. Herrell is also a concerned parent who was tipped off about the school lunch that week.

"These high schoolers know when not to eat something, but the elementary schoolers—do they know if meat is bad or not?" Herrell said.

"I can't imagine how gross it would be to find out that I have been eating old meat that the school knew about," sophomore Megan Majewski said.

"Knowing that someone got ill due to the school's food is a bit concerning. If there is gravy over old meat, you wouldn't be able to tell if it was good or not," junior Hannah Sell said.

"I usually question the school food a lot, but I still eat it and haven't gotten sick from it yet," sophomore Pierre Richards said.

By Laura Seidel

Jury Awards Death Penalty to Boston Bomber for Second Bomb

Cops & Courts

On 15 April 2013, two bombs went off near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three spectators and wounding more than 260 other people.

Four days later, after a big manhunt that shut down some of the Boston area, police captured one of the bombing suspects, nineteen-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Investigators later found out that the Tsarnaevs spent part of their childhoods in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan, but they lived in the United States for about a decade prior to the bombings, planned and carried out the attack on their own, and were not connected to any terrorist organizations.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was scheduled to stand trial in November 2014, and federal prosecutors announced that they would seek the death penalty.

On 15 May 2015, a federal jury sentenced Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev to the death penalty. Apparently, there was no observable reaction from Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, who is now 21. Several survivors and relatives of the victims patted tears in the courtroom.

The judgment marked the first time in the post-9/11 era that federal prosecutors have won the death penalty in a terrorism

case.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev could be sent to death row in Terre Haute, Indiana, but the final destination will not be known until after the judge officially sentences him in court. No sentencing date has been set yet for Tsarnaev.

The six convictions that brought Tsarnaev a death sentence all relate to the second of two bombs, which caused the explosion on Boylston Street in front of the Forum restaurant on 15 April 2013.

He was not sentenced to death for the first bomb, which was planted by his brother, Tamerlan, and he was not sentenced for the shooting death of MIT officer Sean Collier.

Tsarnaev stood with his head bowed and his hands clasped in front of him. When the jury left the courtroom for the last time, the judge said, "And so, jurors, this is it." As U.S. marshals stepped forward and took Tsarnaev away, he gave a wry smile.

It took the court a few days to decide what to do with him. He had thirty charges against him. They were between life in prison or death, but jurors chose death.

By Alyssa Brandt

NFL Player Asks Girl to Prom

Sports

Prom is in season, and "promposals" are the big thing right now. Every girl wants to be asked to prom in a cute way. One girl received an extra special promposal.

Eighteen-year-old Khamyea Jennings is currently battling cancer. Carrying a big bouquet of red roses, Jacksonville Jaguar player Sen'Derrick Marks asked Jennings to her prom.

"I think seeing professional players ask a girl to prom is the cutest thing ever," senior Kae Huang said.

Marks surprised Jennings when she was in her hospital room at Wolfson Children's Hospital. He asked Jennings the big question, while Jennings was still in shock. The star football player ran all of this by Jennings' mother first to make sure it was okay.

"This was one of the cutest promposals I have seen. I would be in disbelief is something like this ever happened to me," senior Cyre Virgo said.

Sen'Derrick Marks walked into the hospital room and said, "I heard you have a prom this weekend, and I wanted to know if I can take you to prom."

Sen'Derrick's surprise visit was part of Dreams Come True, which is a program that helps children in Florida who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

"When I saw this, I was immediately emotional. This was amazing," senior Irene Licari said.



This sort of thing has been happening a lot recently due to prom season. Players don't only do this during prom season. There are many occasions when players will visit people with cancer or other life-threatening diseases. Also, just recently, Emmanuel Acho from the Philadelphia Eagles asked a girl to her prom.

By Tyler Rapposelli

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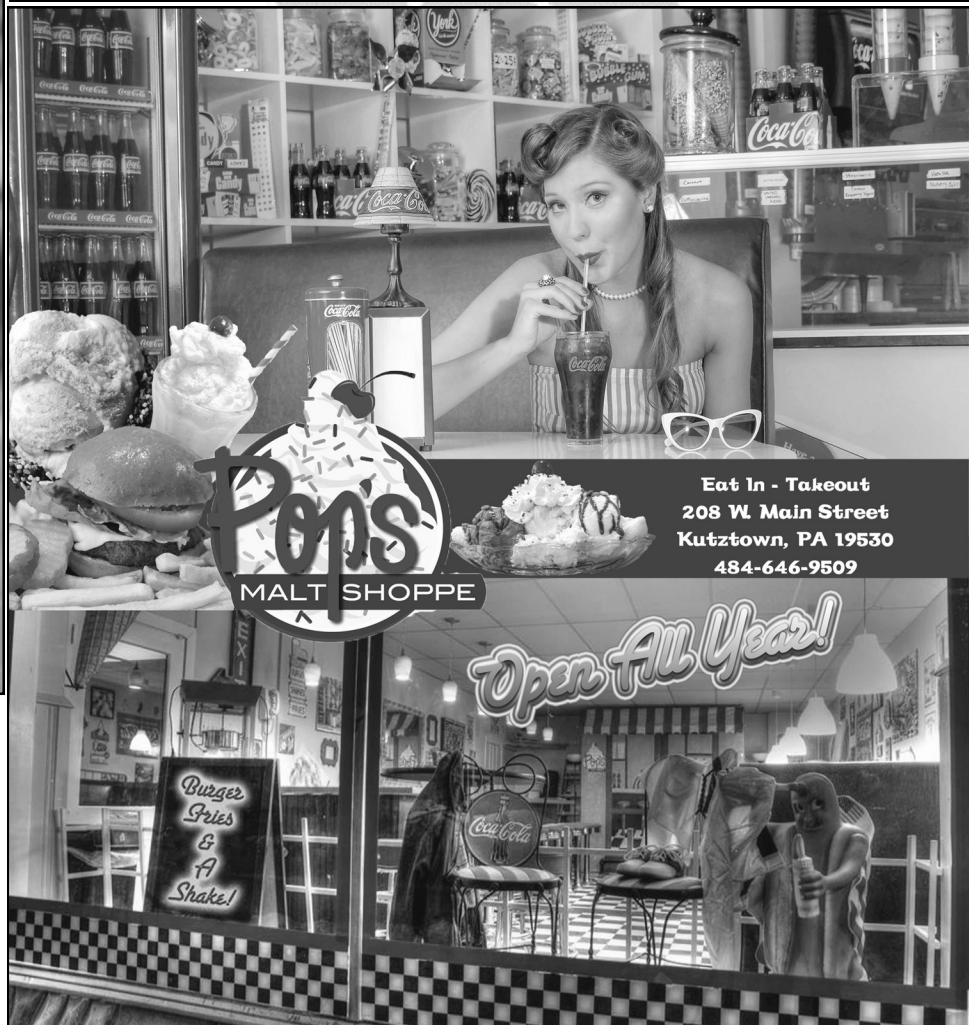
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Florida is Favorite Vacation Spot for Fleetwoodians

Recreation

Summer is right around the corner, and families are starting to plan their vacations. A lot of families go to the same vacation spots every year as a family tradition. A survey went around Fleetwood Area High School. Students were asked where they go on vacation--or, if they don't go on vacation, where they would want to go.

This survey included Ocean City, New Jersey; Wildwood; Ocean City, Maryland; Florida; and South Carolina. The top two vacation spots were South Carolina and Florida. South Carolina had a total of 77 votes, and Florida had a total of 97 votes.

"I love going to South Carolina. A lot of my family members live there, and my mom, brother, and I always spend so much time down there over the summer. I like it so much that I'm going to school in South Carolina this coming fall, and I can't wait!"



senior Kae Huang said.

South Carolina has many beaches at which a lot of people vacation. Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head Island, and also North Myrtle Beach are some of the most popular ones.

Florida seemed to be the most popular around Fleetwood. Florida's most popular beaches are Fort Lauderdale and Miami Beach. Florida is also very popular because of Walt Disney World. A lot of families enjoy going to Disney world, although a lot of families would prefer to go to Florida just to go to the beaches.

"I've never been to Florida's beaches, but I've been to Disney World, and the next time I go to Florida, I hope I go to one of the beaches," senior Dana Snyder said.

By Kayla Daniels

FBLA Recruits Leaders for Next School Year

School

FBLA is recruiting new members for next school year. If you want to save \$5.00 on your dues, you must sign up before 9 June. If you help recruit five new members, your dues are free.

FBLA is a nonprofit educational association for students who are interested in learning more about the free enterprise system. The purpose of FBLA is to prepare members for careers in business and to assist them by becoming better business leaders. FBLA helps students develop leadership abilities and prepares them for entry in a business-related occupation.

FBLA provides innovative leadership development programs to bring busi-

ness and education together in a positive environment.

There are over 270,000 active members in over 12,000 chartered chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Membership is open to students in grades 9-12, and middle-level membership is open to students in grades 5-8.

"Some people take tests, and some do a group project and they talk about what they did; other people do a presentation for the competitions. I like it because of the field trips too," said freshman Mark Weston.

By Tori Bertsch



Track and Field Wraps Up Great Season

Sports

The Fleetwood Tigers boys and girls varsity track teams wrapped up a great season. The boys finished with an outstanding record of 7-0, and the girls finished with a record of 6-1.

"It was an amazing last season, and it's one I'll remember for a long time. We made a ton of great memories," senior Gary Gabriel said.

The boys track team is led by seniors Gary Gabriel, Shaq Cobb, Matt Hook, and Thaddeus Cornick, as well as juniors Nick Hope and Patrick Dejesus. Senior Gary Gabriel participated in hurdles and qualified for the county meet.

"We had a ton of great runners, throwers, jumpers, and hurdlers on the team, and that really helped us out this year

with winning so many meets," Gabriel said.

Hope, Cornick, and Dejesus were the team's best runners and qualified for the county meet. Junior Nick Hope qualified for the district meet along with Thaddeus Cornick and Javelin thrower Matt Hook, who is a senior.

"I'm going to miss the team after this year. I get one more chance to compete with them in districts, and if we all do well enough, hopefully we will compete together in states as well," senior Matt Hook said.

The girls track team finished 6-1 with their only loss coming in the first meet against Wyomissing. They are led by senior Cyre Virgo, a Texas Tech recruit. Virgo participated in the high jump and hurdle. The high jump is her best event, earning her

multiple awards at national indoor meets.

"Cyre is an amazing athlete, and I'm excited to see how she does in college. She dominated in basketball and track and field. She's a great teammate and vocal leader," Hook said.

By Frankie Talarico

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Random Cheese

Where will you be vacationing this summer?



"Florida."
~Hunter Zagorski



"Charleston, S.C."
~Matt Hook



"Mexico."
~Alex Normil



"Dorney Park."
~Luis Leon



"Delaware."
~Nate Wolfe

By Tyler Rapposelli

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